MR. CHAIRMAN: I have called Question No. 262.

श्री वीरेन्द्र वर्मा : किसानों का नम्बर तो किसी-किसी दिन आता है ...

Burglaries in Delhi

*262. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of burglaries committed in Delhi during 1987 and so far during the current year;

(b) what is the number of unsolved cases of burglaries for which FIRs were lodged; and

(c) what steps have been taken to check this crime in the Capital?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Year	Number of burglary cases reported	Number of unsolved burglary cases
1987	1314	875
1988 (upto 31.7.88)	760	575

2. The following steps to prevent burglaries in Delhi have been taken by the Delhi Police : —

(i) Modern scientific methods of investigation including use of Dog Squad, crime team, crime record office, etc. are used for detection of burglaries.

(ii) Crime Record Office has been modernised. Dossiers of all arrested criminals are being maintained centrally.

(iii) Communication systems have been improved to ensure quick reaction.

(iv) Patrolling by motor vehicles has been intensified.

(v) Domestic servant verification drives are conducted with the cooperation of the general public.

(vi) Pickets have been posted at strategic points. Surprise checking is conducted to detect criminals.

(vii) Special Police Officers have been appointed to assist Police in providing intelligence and useful information.

SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Sir, from the reply of the Minister, it is clear that the Delhi Police have taken adequate steps to check crime and ensure timely detection also. The reply is so comprehensive that I do not think we can make any suggestions about any improvement because right from the modern methods of investigation, improving communication system to verification of domestic servants have all been included in the reply. But it is a matter of serious concern that in spite of all these modern methods of investigation and every possible attempt by the Delhi Police to check burglaries, there are increasing numbers of incidents of housebreaking, theft and even murders of house-wives. Only two days ago, an old couple was murdered in Delhi. Hardly a week passes by when some murder of a house-wife does not take place, and that too by burglars.

Sir, I would like to know from the Minister, in view of the seriousness of this particular crime, what additional steps the Government proposes to take to ensure protection of the property of the people and whether the anti-burglary drive will also include foolproof verification of the domestic servants, also of the agencies which supply domestic servants. And will the Government consider giving ID cards to the screened domestic servants and drivers?

SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV : Sir, in view of the increase ...

MR. CHAIRMAN : It is a suggestion for consideration.

SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV : Yes, Sir, that is what I am going to say. But there is a system by which antecedents of domestic servants are being verified by police on request, and whenever cases come we do identify them. There is no system of giving identity cards.

As regards the other question, 104 more vehicles have been provided, 25 more police stations, 12 more police subdivisions and three more police districts have been created in view of the increase of burglaries, and we are taking steps.

SHRI ANAND SHARMA : Sir, I said that the Government deserves to be complimented for having taken these steps, but still the crime is very much there. For timely reaction, for quick reaction, the communication network is there. but I believe that the communication network is confined either to the police station or to the mobile patrols. Will the Delhi Police consider installing burglar alarms streetwise, which should be connected to a central control room for timely reaction because, normally, if a message is received by a mobile patrol, by the time the message is received the thieves get away? If there is a house break-in, people raise an alarm. If there is a street-wise alarm, then there can be quick reaction and the culprits can be nabbed. Keeping in view the fact that a large number of cases remain unsolved, as per the Minister's statement, will he consider this?

SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV : Sir, this is a good suggestion for consideration.

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Sir, may I know from the honourable Minister what is the number of burglaries committed during 1987-88 in the Government colony of Vasant Vihar, along with the number of cases solved so far and the steps taken to ensure safety and security of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha staff residing at Vasant Vihar and also the steps taken to bring the colony under the jurisdiction of the Vasant Vihar police station?

SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV: Sir, I do not have the figure of Vasant Vihar but, in the whole of Delhi, in 1987, 1,314 cases were registered. Out of these, 439 have been worked out and 368 are pending trial. As regards Vasant Vihar I do not have the figure with me. If you want I can send it afterwards.

SHRI N.K.P. SALVE : Sir, may be my question is a little removed from the main thrust of this question but, in view of the national importance of the subject on which I am asking my question, I think you will kindly permit that

MR. CHAIRMAN : Your supplementary must arise out of this.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE : It arises out of the lawlessness and crime. There is a murder in Lucknow of one of the famous badminton players and we have been reading in papers every day that the U.P. police and the U.P. sleuths have not been able to make any dent in the same. May I know from the Miniser whether there is any request from the U.P. Government for assistance in the investigation of the case and, if not, will he please inquire as to how it is taking so long to detect that kind of a murder over which the entire nation is so anguished and distressed?

MR. CHAIRMAN : The question does not arise out of this but, as he says, as the whole House and the nation are distressed....

SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV : We have received a request ... (*Interruptions*) . . . The CBI is having a look into it. They have been requested and they are taking action.

श्री बी० सत्यनारायण रेड्डी : सभापति जी, समस्या बहुत गम्भीर है। गृह मंत्री ने इस प्रश्न को बहुत ही आसानी से टालने की कोशिश की और जो उनकी जिम्मेदारी है उसको पूरा करना नहीं चाहते । उन्होंने बताया कि 1987 में 1314 चोरी हुई और उनमे से 875 अनसोल्वड हैं, 1988 मे 760 हुई और उनमें से 575 अनसोल्ड हैं । मंत्री महोदय ने

मैजर्स भी बताये हैं । हिन्दुस्तान की राजधानी दिल्ली में जहां गृह मंत्री खुद रहते है यहां पर चोरी और कतलों को रोकने का सारा इतजाम इनके पास है तब भी इतने बड़े पैमाने पर इस दिल्ली शहर में रोज कतल होते हैं, चोरियां होती हैं । मैजर्स भी इन्होंने बताये है मगर कोई अमल में नहीं है । इसलिए में जानना चाहूंगा कि क्या गृह मंत्री इस संबंध में कोई स्पेशल स्क्वेड बनाएंगे जो इस चीज को रोकने में सफल हो और जो हर मुहल्ले में जाये क्योंकि अभी हालत यह हैं कि 15 दिन मेंथ महीने में कोई पुलिस का जवान चला जाता है, इससे काम नहीं चलेगा ? आपको हर रोज, हर शाम, सुबह और रात में स्पेशल स्क्वेड को भेजना चाहिए जो हर मुहल्ले में, हर गली में और हर घर में जाये और देखे कि सब इंतजाम ठीक है या नही । क्या सरकार इस काम के लिए स्पेशल स्क्वेड बनाने के काम को अंजाम देगी अभी आपका इंतजाम ठीक नहीं है।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are you providing patrolling?

SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV: Sir, we fully agree with the Member that it needs to be seen more vigorously and patrolling should be done. The total population of Delhi is about 80 lakhs. There is inflow from outside Delhi and out flow also. This is a socio-economic problem. We have monitored and started patrolling all over Delhi, and it has to be augmented further. He made the suggestion very rightly, and we shall look into it.

श्री बी० सत्यनारायण रेड्डी : स्पेशल स्क्वेड बनाने का क्या कोई इंतजाम है ?

(Interruptions)

SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA : Mr. Chairman, Sir I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the *bona fides* of the domestic servants of all the MPs have been vehified and, if not, hat steps he is taking to verify them, and the number of MPs whose domestic servants' *bona fides* have been verified. Also, Sir, what are the steps the Minister for Home Affairs has taken for educating the public on trying to prevent burglary? Is there an educational programme which they are pushing either through television or newspapers or other campaigns?

Has he installed computers at the exit points of at least the major cities like Delhi where cars are being stolen? Does information of a stolen car passing through a particular point come to the central point control room very quickly? Recently my car was stolen and for 20 days there was no trace although it had travelled on the main road to Hyderabad retaining the same number. The question is that the number was retained. But there was no information at the Police Headquarters.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Did you get it from Hyderabad?

SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA : I got it from somewhere near Hyderabad.

SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV: Sir, as I said at the very biginning, there is a method by which the servants can be investigated by the police, but it should come from the persons who employ them. There is no mandatory law from our side to insist on that. But the facility is there. If MPs want to get verification of their servants, they are most welcome to write to the Police Station of North Avenue, South Avenue and other places, and that facility will be given.

About computerisation, I do not have the information with me. But even then the vehicle has been traced out from Hyderabad. We shall take care that no vehicle goes to Hyderabad in future.

MR. CHAIRMAN : You aer checking cars going out of Delhi and coming in. That is one of the things which we are doing in a big way. So, if there has been some loophole somewhere, you

investigate it and see that these loopholes do not remain.

SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV : All right, Sir, we shall do it.

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : सभापति जी, इस संबंध में जो आंकड़े दिये गये है उसमें बताया गया है कि 1 जनवरी, 1987 से लेकर 31 जुलाई 1988 तक 760 मामले पुलिस में रिपोर्ट किये गये और 1987 में 1314 मामले आए जिनमें से 875 मामलों का पता नहीं चला यानी 60 प्रतिशत मामलों का पता नहीं चला। इसी प्रकार से 1988 में 760 मामले रजिस्टर्ड किये गये जिनमें से 575 मामलों में से 75 प्रतिशत मामलो का पता नहीं चला। मैं इस बारे में दो सवाल करना चाहता हूं। मेरा पहला प्रश्न यह है कि 1987–88 में जितने लोग पकड़े गये उनमें से कितने केसेज में अपराधियों को न्यायालय से सजा मिली है ? मेरा दूसरा प्रश्न यह है कि चूंकि दिल्ली की पुलिस इस मामले में असफल रही है, इसलिए क्या इस मामले में विदेशों से सहायता लेने के संबंध मे सरकार सोच रही है? जिस तरह से विदेशों से तकनीकी सहायता लेते है उसी तरह से क्या आप इन मामलों की जांच करने के लिए विदेशों से भी सहायता लेने के संबंध में सोच रहे है, सरकार सोच रही है ?

SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV: In 1987 the number of persons arrested was 768. Out of that 700 were challaned, 76 were convicted and 12 were acquitted. The number of accused pending for trial is 612. Even now they are pending before the court. The number of accused in pending cases for investigation is 20. In 1988, like that the number of persons arrested is 293. The number of persons challaned is 124 and the number of accused in cases pending for trial is 124 and the number of accused in cases pending for investigation is 168. The cases pending before the courts are still pending and it is up to the court to take decisions. We are putting up these cases and I have given the figures about those which have been acquitted by the court; others are pending.

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: I would like to know from the Minister whether the increase in the number of police vans and street patrolling has any visible impact on the burglaries. Is it true that the crime is more rampant in the outlying colonies and suburbs of Delhi? Do case of policemen and ex-policemen being involved in burglaries and robberies come to your notice?

SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV: We don't have any instance where policemen are involved. I would not like to say that the number of cases has very much increased, but it is not on the decrease side. Investigation reports from 1986 say 30.15 per cent of the cases were prosecuted and punished. In 1987 this percentage was 33.48 and in 1988 it was 24.4.

As I said, very recently we have taken some steps for strengthening the police stations and giving them equipment. We think from this year it will improve further. We are not very happy about the situation. The hon. Minister even this morning has instructed that the situation must improve. We are all it. He has already instructed that feedback should be given every week to the Ministry about it.

SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE : It is really shocking to see that our Delhi, the capital city, is full of burglars, criminals, murderers, thieves and blackmarketeers ...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Kindly don't pass any remarks on Delhi, because we all . .

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : Sir, this has been institutionalised in Delhi.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You put your supplementary without any remark on Delhi. We should not get into that controversy.

SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE : In the VP House, MPs quarters, we have to live in the most insecure position. In my own flat in the VP House there have been two burglaries in the previous years. Even in the last month, in flat No. 424, in a Lok Sabha MP's quarter, there has been a burglary. Again in the fourth floor and there has been a burglary in

the MPs quarters. Very often there are burglaries and we have to live in the most unsafe position. If this is the condition in the MPs quarters, you can see what would be the condition of the common people. May I ask what steps the Government is going to take against these crimes to ensure our security and safety?

SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV : It will be very unfair to pass a sweeping remark about the people of Delhi.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Don't get involved. I have stopped her and you are... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : It should not go on record. She has not said that the people of Delhi are like that.

SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV : What was it? I am hard of hearing. I . . .

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : She said you have institutionalised burglary in your country.

श्री सभापति : मैंने कह दिया कि दिल्ली में हम सब रहते हैं ऐसा कुछ मत कहो। किस्सा खतम हो गया। उन्होंने जो पूछा है पार्लियामेंट के मम्बरों की सेक्यूरिटी और सेफ्टी के लिये उसके बारे में बताइये कि आप क्या इंतजाम करेंगे ?

SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV: I have been in this Ministry only for one month. When police goes to remove people staying outside the MPs quarters, telephone calls come to us with the request that they should be allowed to stay. We want cooperation from the Members of Parliament. There are many unregistered people staying outside the MPs houses. If we get cooperation from the MPs, I fully agree with the hon. Members, many of the theft cases can be controlled.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I hope all the Members will take care.

SHRI BUTA SINGH : In view of what the hon. Chair has directed us, definitely we will make special arrangements for protecting them from the anti-social elements and things like that at the places where the hon. Members reside. But the incidence of perjury is increasing more than burglaries in Delhi.

SHRI KAMALENDU BHATTACHARJEE: You are going to make special arrangements for MPs but what about the Ministers? They wanted to kill the Ministers in West Bengal. What about that?

श्री शंकर सिंह वाघेला : खूनी, डाकू और काल गर्ल्ज वाले कितने एम० पीज० के घर से पकड़े गये है और कितने स्मगलिंग करने वाले एम० पीज० के घर में पकड़े गये हैं (**व्यवधान**)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

Denudation of forests in Himachal Pradesh

*263. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the forests are getting totally denuded along the Kalka Shimla region with official connivance, as reported in 'Indian Express' of the 13th July, 1988; and

(b) whether Government have also seen the report of the Chipko activists on the subject; if so, what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

A report, "Three Weeks in Himalaya" by Shri Sunder Lal Bahuguna, a Chipko Activist, referring to denudation of forests in Himachal Pradesh, was received by the State Government in 1986. Details as reported by the State Government on issues referred to by Shri Bahuguna are as follows :—

(i) No green trees have been marked for supply of wood for packing cases